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For: **POLYMER-COATED, GRANULATED
ENZYME-CONTAINING FEED ADDITIVES
AND METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION
THEREOF**

Examiner: S. M. Hanley

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is filed before the mailing date of any of a final action under § 1.113, a Notice of Allowance under § 1.311, or any action that otherwise closes prosecution in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(c).

The documents listed on the attached SB/08 are documents cited in co-pending U.S. Application Serial No. 10/125,272 (published as US 2003/0054511), co-pending U.S. Application Serial No. 10/500,144 (cited therein, published as U.S. 2005/0163765), and in the European Opposition proceeding concerning the European counterpart (EP-B-1189518) of the present application (a copy of the list of cited references is attached). In accordance with 37

CFR 1.97(c), Applicants hereby submit these documents for the Examiner's consideration. Please note that U.S. Application Serial No. 09/959,985 is a co-pending application which has not been published. A copy of each document required under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) is enclosed.

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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